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To whom it may concern,

This letter is in support of HB 6017 which changes the reporting and record retention requirement for HIV contact investigations by local health departments. Progress with HIV testing and treatment has allowed this communicable disease to be managed similar to others with similar characteristics. Likewise, current practices routinely result in maintaining data beyond 90 days because of "partner services" and "data to care" systems. Amendments to section 5114a (MCL 333.5114a) is essentially updating the laws to correspond to current best practices.

Best Regards,

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